

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 18 June 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6-11,13,16,20-23,25,26 and 28.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 13, 16, 20-23, 25, 26, and 28 (renumbered 1-20 respectively) are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 13, 16, 20-23, and 25, reasons for allowance are as discussed in the previous Office action mailed March 20, 2007.

Regarding claims 26 and 28, claim 26 discloses a tangible computer readable medium comprising sets of instructions to define a skew zero track as a track of a disc in which a skew between a tangent to the skew zero track and an axis of a writing head is approximately zero, to write servo information on sequential tracks in a first radial direction of the disc toward the skew zero track until servo information is written on the skew zero track, to write servo information on sequential tracks in a second radial direction of the disc, opposite the first direction, toward the skew zero track, until servo information is written on a track immediately preceding the skew zero track, to inspect the servo information to determine if the predetermined tolerance of the writing of the servo information was exceeded, to inspect servo information on each track, if an abnormality in the servo information is determined on a given track, determining whether the given track is located at a predetermined distance from the skew zero track, if the given track is not located at the predetermined distance from the skew zero track, track-defect-processing the given track, if the given track is located at the predetermined distance from the skew zero track, rewriting all of the servo information, and inspecting the servo information again; and once all tracks are inspected, track-defect- processing all tracks within the predetermined distance from

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the skew zero track, such that a normal search operation cannot be performed, which is neither disclosed or an obvious variation of the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

/William Korzuch/

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